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All,

I have reviewed the email traffic related to the emergency outage at the Bridge Street Bridge and had several telcons with various interests; marine, bridge owner, EPA. We understand the pressures on all parties; however, a resolution in the near term may be possible.

In conversation with EPA, the clean-up coordinator and issuer of an Administrative Order that requires clean-up of the environmental hot spot in the Passaic River, a compromise was presented. The clean-up operation can proceed and important environmental time schedule met if the contractor has access upstream of the bridge in the overnight period. This would require that the Bridge Street Bridge open at night and remain in the open position (for navigation) until the morning rush hour, at which time it would close and be available for vehicular traffic all day until after the evening rush, at which time the cycle would repeat.

It seems to the Coast Guard that minimizing the physical opening of the swing span to only two operations a day could be an acceptable scenario to protect the bridge from further damage while accommodating an important environmental clean-up. The inability of the clean-up to continue at this time may result in an undesirable environmental condition with contaminated dredged spoil exposed to the environment until removal and capping operations could continue in 2014.

We hope that the Hudson-Essex County Bridge Commission will consider this compromise and accept this operational scenario until the bridge is back in service. We are available to meet or set up a conference call among all parties to discuss further if necessary. Of course time is of the essence so a response within 24 hours would be appreciated.

Thank you all.

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